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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 16 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1: The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/55/26, A/55/677 and A/C.5/55/L.21) and 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483, A/55/526 and A/55/629))

Open-ended Working Group

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.**-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/55/645 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/55/7/Add.5 and Corr.1) and 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/55/186, A/55/16 and A/55/685))

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

** There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

Sunday, 17 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 153 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/ 55/305, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1, A/C.4/55/6 and A/55/676))

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Human resources management : Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/55/658 and A/55/494))

2 p.m.- 5 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/55/186, A55/16 and A/55/685)); and 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 : Capital Master Plan (A/55/117 and Add.1 and A/55/7/Add.4))

Monday, 18 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question (S/2000/1171)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3

Open-ended Working Group

3 p.m.*-6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3
7 p.m.-10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Employment of retirees
2. Consultants and individual contractors

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the Web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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Information on documentation for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development (13-23 February 2001, New York) can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room DC2-1362, tel.: 212 963 5873). It is also available on the Web site of the Division for Social Policy and Development (www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2001.htm).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 18 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on energy matters)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing on cooperation between the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations, organized by the delegation of India, on Monday, 18 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The briefing will be chaired by the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations. The Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, H.E. Mr. Anders Johnsson, will make a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Monday, 18 December 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Announcement

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 86th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/108) [17 (h)]

2. The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence [49]

3. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (d) and 46]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/348, A/55/393, A/55/633)

   (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/548)

   (c) Draft resolution (A/55/L.62/Rev.1)

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/55/L.64) [20]

   (a) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/55/L.66) [20 (b)]

5. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

   (a) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42/Rev.1)

   (b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/55/694, A/55/695)

6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [29]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/55/L.69)

   (b) Amendment (A/55/L.70)

7. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/681) [138 (b)]

8. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/662) [12]

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The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 19 January 2001 in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/54 V, the Preparatory Committee is open to participation by all States. States are requested to provide the Secretariat, in writing, with information regarding the composition of their delegations. This information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Department for Disarmament Affairs, (room S-3100A; fax: (212) 963-1121) by Friday, 22 December 2000.

Delegations intending to circulate documents as documents of the Preparatory Committee are invited to submit them to the Secretariat for processing at the earliest possible date.

Delegations are reminded to provide at least 300 copies of any document or statement intended for this session of the Preparatory Committee.

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The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children will hold its second substantive session from 29 January to 2 February 2001 at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 29 January 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Delegations are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin (room S-2977H; fax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 19th (closed) meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone will be held on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), scheduled for Tuesday, 19 December 2000, has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 January 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold a formal session to elect its new Bureau on Tuesday, 16 January 2001, from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session for 2001 from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session for 2001 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held on Friday, 26 January, and from 29 January to 6 February 2001 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2001/L.1. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 22 January 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 15 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/186).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/685 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), France (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the United States, Japan, the Russian Federation, Norway, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and China.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Saturday, 16 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michiel Crom (Netherlands).

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Saturday, 16 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Capital master plan

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services made a statement and replied to questions raised at the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee held on Thursday, 14 December.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan and China.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on the same day, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.33/Rev.1: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.42: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1: The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Committee had before it document A/C.5/55/L.21 containing draft decisions on the aforementioned programme budget implications.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decisions A/C.5/55/L.21 A (Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.33/Rev.1: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala) and A/C.5/55/L.21 B (Programme budget im-

plications of draft resolution A/55/L.42: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development).

The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on draft decision A/C.5/55/L.21 C (Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1: The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women) would be held on Saturday, 16 December, in the morning.

Organization of work

The representative of Austria made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Migrants Day

On the occasion of the first commemoration of International Migrants Day, there will be a panel discussion, sponsored by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, New York and the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Monday, 18 December 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel will include H.E. Sr. Gustavo Albin, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations; Bacre Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Gareth Howell, Officer-in-Charge of the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, New York and Professor Herbert Engman, Director, Cornell Migrant Program, Cornell University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

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